

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~device system~~ for arthroscopically delivering a tissue scaffold to a damaged or injured tissue site, comprising:

~~a tissue scaffold;~~

a first component for receiving and dispensing the tissue scaffold having a funnel-shaped proximal end, a distal end, and an elongate, hollow body extending therebetween, the elongate body defining a passageway extending from the funnel-shaped proximal end to the distal end; and

a second component having an elongate body with a blunt tip at a distal end, the tip having a diameter less than the diameter of the elongate body, the elongate body being configured to be removably disposed within the first component for sliding along the passageway, the second component including at least one sealing ring around the elongate body proximal to the tip.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~device system~~ of claim 1, wherein the passageway includes a first, flared portion extending into a second, tubular portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~device system~~ of claim 2, wherein the first, flared portion has a curved tapered shape.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~device system~~ of claim 1, wherein the flared proximal end of the first component has a diameter in the range of about 15 mm to about 50 mm.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~device system~~ of claim 2, wherein the second, tubular portion has a diameter in the range of about 5 mm to about 17 mm.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~device system~~ of claim 1, wherein the tip of the second component comprises a spherical tip.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~device system~~ of claim 6, wherein the spherical tip has a diameter in the range of about 6 mm to about 10 mm.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An instrument. A system~~ for arthroscopically delivering a tissue scaffold to a damaged or injured tissue site, comprising:

~~a tissue scaffold;~~

an insertion tube having a funnel-shaped proximal end, a distal end and a hollow passageway extending therebetween; and

an insertion rod having an elongate shaft extending into a handle at a proximal end and a blunt tip at a distal end, the diameter of the tip being less than the diameter of the elongate shaft, the elongate shaft being configured to be removably disposed within the insertion tube for sliding along the passageway and contacting the tissue scaffold disposed within the insertion device; the insertion rod including a pair of sealing rings around the elongate shaft.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 9, wherein the passageway includes a first, flared portion extending into a second, tubular portion.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 10, wherein the first, flared portion has a curved, tapered shape.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 10, wherein the second, tubular portion has a diameter in the range of about 6 mm to about 17 mm.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 12, wherein the second, tubular portion has a diameter in the range of about 7 mm to about 9 mm.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 9, wherein the flared proximal end of the insertion tube has a diameter in the range of about 15 mm to about 50 mm.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 9, wherein the blunt tip of the insertion rod comprises a spherical tip.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 16, wherein the spherical tip has a diameter in the range of about 6 mm to about 10 mm.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The instrument system~~ of claim 17, wherein the spherical tip has a diameter in the range of about 6 mm to about 8 mm.

19-21. (Canceled).